ABSTRACTS

OF THE

Number and Yearly Pay of the Land-Forces of Horse, Foot and Dragoons in Great Britain, for the Year 1718.

AND

Of the Charge continued on the Publick, by the Wrong done to the reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half Pay, in filling up to others Commissions in the 13 Regiments of Dragoons, and Eight Regiments of Foot, which were raised after the Month of June 1715.

AND ALSO,

Of the Accompt of Half-Pay for the Year 1718, delivered into Parliament, and dated the 28th of November, 1717.

WITH

Some REMARKS relating to the same.

By a Member of Parliament.

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HAVE in the last Sessions of Parliament, and in this,
Publish'd some Abstracts of the Publick Debts, and my Sentiments in relation to the same; and have also Publish'd what I had discours'd of more largely, in the First Parliament I had the Honour to sit in, the Scheme which appear'd to me the most likely to set us at once in a State of Freedom and of Safety; but it seems that the Time is not yet come when the thorough Cure of a Gangrene of so long Continu-

ance, can with Patience and Refolution be submitted to.

I have always in and out of Parliament, avoided every Thing which might look like espousing any Party-quarrels, and have apply'd my self constantly to such Matters as every Gentleman, of whatever Party, will agree to be the True, Solid and Substantial Interest of the Nation.

I have therefore, since the late recess, spent my Time in perusing and considering the several Books, Accompts and Papers which have been laid before the A 2 House,

House, relating to the Number and Pay of the standing Land Forces, which are already Voted; and also relating to the half Pay of the reduced Officers, which is still under Consideration: And from these and such other Materials as I could come at, I have framed the following Abstracts, and added thereto such Remarks and Observations as to me appear'd material to the same.

The Figure-work of thest Abstracts is of no large extent, but it required some Pains to reduce the same within so narrow a Compass; and indeed, I was desirous in the best manner I was able, to reconcile Brevity with Clearness, for the sake of Gentlemen, whose Time, I know, is too precious and valuable to bear

either with Writings or Discourses of any length.

On this Occasion I beg Gentlemen seriously to consider, That the desicient Supplies of this Year are an Anticipation for so much of the next Year's Land-Tax; for it seems now to be admitted, that That and the Malt is all we have to resort to, whatever our Pressures or Exigencies may be, unless we will break Publick Faith, and load with our new Debts those old Funds which are already appropriated to other Purposes.

If the Pains I have taken contribute to the saving of any Sum to my Country, in the Particulars I have treated of, I shall think my Time well spent, tho' I will freely own this is not my only Design, for I am in hopes, that other Gentlemen will be incited by my Example, to be at some Trouble of this kind, for the Service of their Country; for I am far from thinking that all other Parts of the Administration of our Money-Affairs are hable to no Objection.

In my poor Opinion considerable Sums may be saved to the Nation, by putting all those Taxes, which are in the nature of Excises, under the Direction of the Commissioners of Excise, and abolishing a number of useless and chargeable Commissions, by a more frugal Management in the Affairs of the Navy and the Customs, and above all things reducing the annual Expence of the Guards and Garrisons, and the Navy, within such a Compass, as the Nation may be able to bear.

Plans or Schemes for such Purposes would be truly worthy of a British Ministry, and the giving them the Sanction of a Law worthy of a British Parliament. A Conduct of this kind wou'd be the best Expedient to cure the Discontents of a People oppres'd with heavy Taxes: We might then hope to see the Publick Debts, instead of increasing, lessening apace; and the Blessings of such an Administration, which every Body would feel, would have an irressibile Force, and perpetuate to his Majesty an Affection so strong and universal in the Hearts of all his People, as would make any Land-force with relation to them entirely useles: And I may venture to add, that in case of any Invasion, such a general Affection of so great and numerous a People, secured by the

strongest Ties of Duty, Interest and Inclination, would be a better Defence to his Majesty, than an Army of Sixteen, or Thirty Thousand Men. If Ministers and Patriots would turn their Thoughts to such things as these, Britain might soon become a calm, an easy, and happy People; and thereby, and its many other Advantages, might make the greatest Figure of any Kingdom or State in Europe. But on the other Hand, If Party-Quarrels shall continue to be thought the only Things worth minding; and if instead of forgiving and forgetting on all Sides past Injuries and Mistakes, we go on to increase in Strife and Bitterness, Malice and Revenge, and whetting and pushing our Resentments to the greatest heights: What can this at last end in, but our common Destruction and Desolation, and the reducing a great and brave People, who were once the Envy of Europe, to be the Contempt, By-word and Derision of all the Nations round about us?

January the 6th, 1717.



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A short Abstract of the Number and Yearly Pay of the Land-Forces of Horle, Foot and Dragoons in Great-Britain, for the Year 1718. with fome Remarks relating to the same.

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ING William, after the Reswick-Peace, had no Sum allow'd for Non-Effectives, but on the contrary, for Encreasing the Number of Effective Men, deducted from the Officers of each Troop of Horse and Dragoons four Servants, which had been allow'd to them on the Musters, and were esteem'd as part of their Personal Pay; which Method, if it had been now pursu'd, would have

encreas'd the Number of Effective Men to ten more in each Troop of Horse, and nine more in each Company of Foot, amounting in the whole to 3150 Effective Men, more than there are on the present Establishment for 1718, and this without any further Expence to the Nation, than the Sum now demanded for the present Establishment; Or in this Method, the present Number of Effective Men might have been provided for with a saving to the Publick of 63096 l. 6 s. 8 d.

II. I'may be also observed, That a further Sum of 55,000 l. at least, might have been saved to the Publick, and yet the same Number of Effective Horse-Dragoons, and Foot kept up, as are on the present Establishment, by Disbanding of Regiments, and Increasing the Private Men in those remaining, to larger and more useful Numbers: Even admitting that all the reduced Officers would have been Intituled to Half Pay.

III. But if 12,000 Effective Men, in Regiments and Companies of the Numbers which were thought most useful for Service in a time of

of War, had been thought sufficient for the Security of the Publick Tranquillity in a time of Peace, a very great Sum might then have been saved to the Nation, either towards the finking the Publick Debts, or easing the Nation of some part of the Taxes for this present Year 1718.

IV. According to the Establishments for the English Forces, till lately the Officers Servants were not included in their Personal Pay, but included in the Numbers of the Private Men, allow'd on the respective Establishments. It is true, that tho' those Servants were entred on the Muster-Rolls, they have, for some Years past on mustering, been excus'd, as being suppos'd to be employ'd about the Affairs of the respective Officers, whose Servants they were. But from hence it is apparent, they were originally real and not fictitious Men, and were always computed on the Musters as part of the Forces. The Prince who made the Establishment, did allow to the Officers such Number of Servants as he thought fit: And it has been remarked, That his late Majesty King William, after the Reswick Peace, was pleafed to retrench the number of Servants, formerly allow'd to the Officers, which they indeed esteem'd taking away so much of their Personal Pay. This will fully explain what is meant in faying that the Provision made for this present Year 1718, for 16347 Effective Men, is really a Provision for an Army of 20616, according to the Muster-Rolls of England, till the Method was lately changed. And here I shall further remark, That till about the End of the late King James's Reign, the Officers Servants were, on Musters, obliged to appear in the Ranks clothed, and accoutered as other Soldiers; they were afterwards not mustered in the Ranks, but obliged to appear, and were mustered as Officers Servants. A greater Remissness or Indulgence, in mustering those Servants, has of later Years happen'd, but they were always kept in the Muster-Rolls untill the Establishments of the Army, which were made in the Year 1712, which express'd only the Number of Private Men, of the feveral Troops and Companies, which were to be really, and to all Intents and Purposes Effective Men. And then it was that the Pay of the Officers was establish'd at the several Rates as formerly, with an Addition of to much as the Pay of their Servants respectively amounted to.

V. THE Six Non-Effectives in each Troop and Company, the Pay of which is now included in the Sum demanded from the Parliament, is faid to be apply'd thus, Viz. One Man of each Troop and Company in each Regiment for the Benefit of the Colonel; the Pay of another Man for the Benefit of the Agent of the Regiment; the Pay of Two Men to the Captain, to enable him to recruit his Troop or Company; and the Pay of the other two Men for the Benefit, of the Widows of deceafed Officers: And, if I am rightly inform'd, 1716 was the first Year in which it was ever attempted to introduce a National Charge of this Nature. The Officers of each Troop of Horse and Dragoons have had long the allowance of seven Servants, or Non-Effective Men; and the Officers of each Company of Foot of five Servants, or Non-Effective-Men, befides three Servants more extraordinary for the Colonel of each Regiment of Horse and Dragoons, and three Servants extraordinary for the Colonel, and one for the Quarter-Master of each Regiment of Foot, and which have been usually mustered for them in the younger Troops and Companies of the respective Regiments; and by long usage this Allowance has been esteem'd as part of their Personal Pay. And if this other Innovation of fix other Non-Effective Men in each Troop and Company be submitted to for some time, it will in like manner gain the force of a National Establishment, and be elteem'd as part of the Personal Pay of the respective Officers and Perfons for whose Benefit the same is now allow'd.

VI. As to the Allowance of the Pay of one Man in each Troop and Company, for the Colonel, it pretends to no other Foundation, but that it is necessary for their Support, That this further Addition should be made to their Personal Pay.

VII. As to the Day's Pay in each Troop and Company for the Agent of the Regiment, it is a most gross Imposition. The Crown allows, and the Nation pays it, a very competent Salary, for the Pay-Master-General of the Army and his Clerks; but that they shou'd be at the Charge of every minute Disposition of this Part of the Publick

Publick Money was never, till of late, I think, 'till last Year, attempted; and then only indirectly by a Warrant from the Crown, but is now endeavour'd to be Establish'd by a direct Demand to Parliament. The former Usage in this Case, was to allow the Agent of each Regiment two Pence in the Pound of the Pay thereof, which was thought a sufficient Compensation for his Trouble: And as far as the private Men were concern'd, this was taken out of their Off-reckonings, allow'd for Cloathing, and thereby the Colonel's Benefit of the Cloathing was so much leffen'd. And this makes it necessary to observe, That in common Regiments of Foot, where the Pay of a Private Man is Eight Pence per Diem, (and greater Deductions where the Pay of Private Men are higher) Six Pence per Diem is allow'd to the Man for his Subfistance, and Two Pence per Diem is deducted for the Off-reckonings, and out of the Off-reckonings, Twelve Pence in the Pound Poundage, and a Day's Pay for the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, for his whole Pay is satisfy'd, and also the two Pence in the Pound to the Agent: The remaining Net Off-reckonings, are to pay for his Cloaths, and if any Thing remain, it is for the Benefit of the Colonel: And I believe it will not be pretended, that they are Loofers in this Matter, it being very well known, that confiderable Gratifications are given by Clothiers of Regiments, to the Colonels on this Account; and is no small Perquifite in the value of a Regiment: And indeed by long Usage, it is now become esteem'd a very Legal Perquifite, and to which they are thought to have as good a Right, as to any Part of their Personal Pay. Lieutenant General Wood deceased (as I have been informed) had a very nice Conscience in this Particular, and believed, That whatever Money was faved on the Cloathing, was the real Property of the Private Men; and 'tis faid he did constantly distribute the Remainder amongst them. But be this as it will, Is there the least Foundation in Equity, to burthen the Publick with the Payment of the Salaries of Agents of Regiments, only to increase the Colonels Perquisites, with relation to the Off-Reckonings, and to fave to him and the other Commission-Officers, two Pence in the Pound of their own Personal Pay? But indeed there is still, by this Management, a further and very confiderable Advantage to the Colonel by the Sales of the Agencies of their Regiments; for there is a great difference in the Value of fuch an Employment, at the Rate of two Pence in the Pound, and the Pay of a Man in each Troop and Company; for at that rate, an Agent to a Regiment of Horse of Nine Troops is one Pound two Shillings and fix Pence per Diem, which is one Shilling per Diem more than the Pay of

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a Captain of Horse, Servants included. It will be no improper Digression to remark in this Place, That Colonels having the Power to Place and Displace Agents at their Pleasure, and to accept as they shall think fit, of the Securities for the faithful Discharge of such Offices, very great Partiality hath happened in the Execution of them; there being many Instances, where Regiments are intirely clear'd, (if not over-paid) and yet confiderable Arrears due to particular Officers by Over-payments to others, thro' the Partiality and Injustice of the Agents: This is a Truth too notorious to be contradicted. Besides, it some time happens by the frequent change of Agents, that Officers find great Difficulties, not to fay Impossibilities, to pass their Accounts, by being engaged with feveral Agents, dispers'd in feveral Parts of the Kingdom, and sometimes out of the Kingdom, or not to be heard of. I will venture to affirm that this Grievance might be redress'd, without any expence to the Publick; and instead of Two Pence, at the Charge of one Half-penny per Pound out of the Pay of each Regiment, by establishing an Office under the Direction of the Pay-Master-General of the Forces, for the regular issuing the Pay of each Regiment to the respective Officer concern'd: But whatever shall be thought fit to be done in this Matter, surely there is no Colour or Pretence that the Publick should be charged with the Payment of the Salaries to the Agents of Regiments. The first Regiment of Guards by a long Usage, have had a Commission-Officer called their Sollicitor, who is in the nature of their Agent; but is this particular Favour to them by a new Innovation to be extended to the Agents of every Regiment, and to some in five times a greater Proportion? For the Pay of the Sollicitor of the first Regiment of Guards is establish'd only at 4 s. per Diem.

VIII. As to the Pay of two Men allow'd to the Captain for recruiting in a time of Peace, it feems a very extraordinary Demand; especially when 'tis considered that no such Allowance was made after the Peace of Reswick, but instead thereof, King William thought sit to deduct the Pay of a Servant from each Captain, towards the encreasing of the Effective-Men, altho' that was then thought to be taking so much from their ancient Personal Pay. As to Captains of Horse it is well known they are at no Expence, but rather reap Advantages by the Vacancies which happen in their Troops.

IX. As to the Pay of two Men in each Troop or Company, for the Benefit of the Widows of deceafed Officers, it is intirely new, as a Demand upon the Publick. It was Originally began, and of late Date, by common Consent of the Officers themselves, as a Charity to the Widows of their deceased Brethren; And as such I presume they afforded it out of the Perquifites belonging to themselves by the Allowance or Connivance of the Prince, or at least of the General and General Officers; for by this they had so much less than they otherwife wou'd have had towards the Expence of keeping their Troops and Companies full: But furely their Conduct in this Matter, however it arole, or however it was grounded, is far from being a Rule to direct the publick Charity of the Nation. I must observe on this Occafion, that such and the like Objects of Compassion have been always thought the proper Care of the Crown, and the Civil List of his Majesty, in which I heartily concurr'd, is large enough, I hope, to enable him to do as great Acts of Charity, as were ever done by any of his Predecessors. No Man living shall be more forward than my self to concur in every thing which has the Face of Charity, and there is no Proportion that I would slick at to relieve the Want of the Poor; and I should think no Part of my Incomings, in common with others, too much for the general Happiness and Welfare of the British Nation: But at the same time I must freely declare my Opinion, that there are many other Cases which equally deserve the Publick Charity with that which I am now treating of. And furely whatever shall be thought fit to be done in this Matter, it should not be done in the Dark, but the Parliament should be inform'd of the Circumstances of the Persons who are the Objects of this Charity, and fix and appropriate the same accordingly, and not leave it to be distributed according to the Pleasure and Humours of any Ministry whatever.

X. THE Parliament have Voted 16347 Effective Men for the Service of the Year 1718. but I think they are still at liberty, by a Clause of Appropriation, to fix the Sum which is necessary for that Purpose, and to save whatever can be saved to a Nation under the greatest Pressures.

XI. THE matter of Half-Pay will soon come under their Consideration, and I doubt not but all will be saved that can be saved on that Head, with a just regard to the Persons concern'd in that Demand.

I have taken some Pains to enquire into this Affair, and there seem to me to have been many and great Abuses therein, which need Redress, and which I shall endeavour, in the best manner I am able, to lay before the House; and whatever my Success therein may be, I shall have at least the Satisfaction of acquitting my self to my Country of what I think my Duty in this Particular.



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A short VIEW of the Charge continued on the Publick, by the Wrong done to the reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-Pay, in filling up to others Commissions in the 13 Regiments of Dragoons, and 8 Regiments of Foot, which were raised after the Month of June 1715.	2 2	The Officers of 13 Regiments of S Dragoons on the first raising are S	Regiments after December, 1715.	ment, and are therefore lupposed to be Commissions on Vacancies	Of these Commissions there have been granted 150 to the reduc'd Officers on the British Establishment, viz. 41 to the reduced pragoons, and 109 to the reduced Foot, as per Account given into	So that befides the Injury of preferring 109 Foot-Officers in the Regiments of Dragoons, there have been Commiffions granted in these Regiments to Persons who were not on the British Establishment of Half-Pay, either as Foot or Dragoons, to the Number of

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If these, or the most of these have been taken out of the Irish Establishment of reduced Officers, it will be a very strong Objection against allowing Half-Pay to the Officers of the Thirteen Regiments lately reduc'd in Ireland, even admitting that there was, though there is not, one single President that the like has been done by any British or Entish Parliament	75

A State of the Charge continued on the Publick for Half-Pay Officers, occasioned by the aforegoing Disposal of Commissions in the new-raised Regiments.

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The Officers on the British Establishment of Half Pay were so distatisfied with this partial Disposal of Commissions to their Prejudice, that they did not, and probably do not still think, that an Amends was made by making up their half Pay, sull Pay for one Year; and yet this was an additional and very great Charge to the Publick, which might have been saved without any Murmuring of the reduced Officers, had they been provided for in the new-raised Regiments, or as many of them as the said Regiments would have taken up, in a due course of Seniority.

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An Abstract of the Account of Half-Pay for the Year 1718. delivered into the House of Commons, and dated the 28th of November, 1717. And some Remarks relating thereto.

A State of the Half-Pay of the aforegoing Officers.

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Remarks relating to the aforegoing Abstract.

I. As to the Warrant-Officers, the same were in the Year 1714, 5862 1. 16 s 3 d. How many of the Persons in that Warrant are continued does not appear, but the Sum for such Officers is, as aforesaid, considerably encrealed at this time; and by the same Rule, and for the same Reafons may be further encreased to any greater Sum, at the pleasure of Ministers of State, either for the Benefit of their own, or the Favourites of others recommended to them: But if any thing of such a Nature as this be fit to be made a National Expence, the Parliament are then to give away the Publick Money at the Pleasure and Direction of a Ministry. But if any of the Persons in this List, are really Objects of Charity, they are properly under the Care and Compassion of the Crown; but furely fuch fort of Charity-Briefs to a House of Parliament, have been but very lately introduced; and 'tis very fit to put a stop to a Practice of this kind, in which the Nation has been far from being well used. And it is certain, that nothing like this was intended by the Parliament, in their granting Half-pay to the Reduced Officers after the Reswick Peace, and which was then even the first President of that kind.

II. As to the Officers of the Regiments reduced in Ireland, this is the first time that ever such a Demand was made, altho' there have been many Presidents of Regiments, sent from England into Ireland, and Regiments there disbanded to make room for them; And why the British Parliament should now begin to do what they never did, is not easy to guels. The fending of the new-raifed Regiments into Ireland, seems to have been intended only for the Benefit of their Officers; for, on Examination, it will be found, that there was but very little difference in Time between the raising of the new Regiments sent into Ireland, and those which were disbanded there, scarce worth the Sum of 6388 1. 15 s. 6 d. expended in the Transportation. It will perhaps be said, That if the Regiments sent into Ireland had been disbanded in England, the Officers would have then been Intitl'd to Half-pay, which would have been the same Expence to the Nation. To this I answer, That the same thing might have been faid on all former Occasions, but it was never faid to a British Parliament till now. But I further observe, That all the Officers of those Regiments, on such a disbanding, would not have

been Intitl'd to Half-pay, but such and such of those Officers only as had been before on the British Establishment of Half-pay. And this leads to another very material Confideration in this Cale, Viz. That there have been provided for in the New-raifed Regiments of Horse and Dra-goons, 375 Officers, which were not on the British Establishment of Half pay, and whose Half pay comes only to 675 1.5 s. less than the Half-pay of the Officers of the Regiments disbanded in Ireland, is computed at. Now, either the said 375 Officers were taken off the Irish Establishment of Half-pay, or were made up of Persons who were not on any Establishment, or a mixture of both; but however this be, furely Britain ought not to be burthened with this Expence, either in Ease of Ireland, or for the Mismanagement of those great Officers, who, in Justice to the Nation, and also to the reduced Officers, ought to have filled up the Commissions in the new raised Regiments in another manner; especially when 'tis confider'd, that not long before the raising of those Regiments, publick Notice was given in the Gazette, That strict Justice should be done for the future to the reduced Officers. As far as Ireland. is Eased by promoting in the New-raised Regiments in Britain, any of the Officers which were on the Half-pay Establishment of that Kingdom, they have no Colour to complain, if they are now charged with a Sum equal to that: And as to what remains, full Justice may be still done them, if the Ministry shall think fit to advise his Majesty, to displace those who have been unduly promoted in the New-raised Regiments, and to give those Commissions to the reduced Officers, whose Right was certainly as ftrong to the same, as it can be pretended to be to the Benefit of Half-pay.

III. If these two Branches of Expence are struck off, there will remain then only for the Consideration of the Parliament, the aforesaid 1630 Officers, for which Halfpay is demanded, amounting to the Sum of: . . .

But it is to be remarked, That the Commissioners at the Horse-Guards, who were appointed to Examine into the Qualifications of Persons claiming Half-pay, do in their Report, dated March 28, 1717. object against several Persons which are notwithstanding continued in the aforesaid List of Half-pay, and amount to the following Annual Sums, Viz.

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But Note, That if the Objections of the Commissioners at the Horse-Guards, on Account of absence, or otherwise, be in part answered, then the aforesaid Remainder will be so much Encreased.

There are 218 Officers En second of Dragoons and Foot included in the List of Half-pay Officers delivered into Parliament, which is that Number of Officers more than the Officers properly belonging to the Regiments, of which they are said to be Officers En second. Their Merits and Pretensions do not appear in the said Accompt delivered into Parliament: But it is certain, That the Pretensions of some of them are no better sounded than thus, That they were employ'd in England for some Months to raise Recruits for those Regiments to which they were Officers En Second: But surely it is highly reasonable, that their Merits and Pretensions to Half-pay should be better understood, before the Expence of their Pay is continued on the Nation.

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It may perhaps on Examination be found, that several of the said Officers En second have as good Pretensions to Half-pay as any other Officers; but then on the other Hand, it is to be considered, that there may be a considerable Reduction of Half-pay Officers, by such Qualifications as the Parliament shall reasonably require in those who shall have that Provision, so as to prevent the squandring away of the Publick Money, and yet to make the Half-pay answer what was Originally intended in the granting thereof: That upon the whole, it may not be found to exceed the Sum of 76000 l. for the Year 1718.

The aforegoing Abstract is taken from the Account delivered into Parliament, of the Names and Qualities of the Officers on the British Establishment of Half pay, who have been provided for in the New raised Regiments: And likewise those who have been provided for in the same, which were not on the British Establishment, and these last as in the aforegoing Abstract do amount to ——
Whereof in the said Abstract there are the Names of Officers preferr'd in the New rais'd Reg. of Dragoons —
Officers preferr'd in the New rais'd Regiments of Foot ——

Officers preferr'd in the New rais'd Regiments of Foot ——

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I believe I'm exactly right in the aforegoing Money Calculations, and little, if any thing, mistaken in the Computations of the Numbers, which I have taken with what care I could from the said Account D

delivered into Parliament, which is not in a Method fo plain and

eafy as one could have wished.

I can say nothing of what hath been saved to the Publick, by lessening the Number of Half-pay Officers, on the Vacancies which have happen'd fince the 1st of Officers, in the Old Regiments which were then in being, the Account relating to this Matter Addressed for, not being laid before the House. But when it is brought in, the House may come to the Knowledge of this Matter, by directing the proper Officers to make a Computation in the same, or some other better manner, as is herein done in relation to the Account already brought in.

It is necessary that I should here remark, That in the aforegoing Abstracts, I have taken notice only of the 13 New-rais'd Regiments of Dragoons, and Eight New-raised Regiments of Foot, of which Notice only is taken in the aforesaid Account delivered into Parliament, Viz. Dragoons--- Brigadier Bowles, Colonel Churchill, Brigadier Gore, Brigadier Honywood, Colonel Molesworth, Brigadier Munden, Colonel Stantope, and Colonel Tyrrel, now on the British Establishment for the Year 1718. And Brigadier Dormer, Colonel Newton, Major General Pepper, Sir Robert Rich, and Major General Wynne, which have been sent to Ireland: And of Foot, Colonel Handaside's, on the British Establishment for 1718: And Colonel Cludleigh's, Colonel Dubourgay's, Brigadier Grant, Sir Charles Hotham, Colonel Lucus, Colonel Po-

cock, and Brigadier Stanwix, fent to Ireland.

But on comparing the Estimates delivered into Parliament the 5th of April 1715, for the Forces in Great Britain, and three Regiments then in Flanders, but fince brought from thence, with the Estimate of the Forces for this present Year 1718, I find there is one Regiment of Horse and one of Dragoons, besides the aforesaid Eight New raised Regiments; and Nine Regiments of Foot, befides the New raifed Regiment of Handaside, more on the Establishment for 1718, than are included in the Estimate deliver'd the said 5th of April, 1715. I presume, none of these Regiments were raised after the first of June, 1715, because no Notice is taken of them in the aforesaid Accounts delivered into Parliament; but not being on the British Establishment, on the 5th of April 1715, they must either have been New raised between that and the first of June 1715, or brought into Britain from Ireland, or some other Place. If any of them were raised in Britain, that was, or should have been so much a further lessening of the reduced

duced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-pay; and as to such of them as were brought from Ireland, and the like Number of New Regiments raised there, that gave an Opportunity to that Kingdom, to lessen the Number of their Half-pay Officers, and of which Britain might have had the Benefit, if so many New Regiments had been raised in England, composed of the Reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-pay. But when this Matter is fully explain'd to the House, by the proper Officer, it will be then seen whether there be, or be not, any Prejudice to Britain therein.

I shall make but one Observation more, Viz. That in June or July 1715, the House Voted a Supply for adding four New Companies to the Cold Stream Regiment of Guards; and if the Officers of those Companies were taken out of those on the British Establishment of Half pay, that Expence is thereby so much lessened.

Or the Half-pay for the Year 1718 may bethus Estimated, Viz.

1713, June 25. Half-pay \$ 99028:6:11 granted then to the Land-Officers was July 1. Ditto for the Marine \$ 4879:6:00 Officers. And then the Establishment of Half-pay for Land and Marine -103907: 12: 11 Officers (if the Warrant Officers) are not included therein) did amount to But out of this Deducting the Half-pay of the Officers of Eight Regiments of Dragoons, and one Regiment of Foot, raised since June 1715, and which are now on Foot in Great Britain, and were, or ought to have been rai-? 16990:15:00 sed out of the Officers on the British Establishment of Half-pay, which amounts per Diem, to 46 l. 11. s. and is per Annum . Which reduces the Establishment of Half-? -86916:17:11 pay to . . D 2 Nore.

Note, If the 13 Regiments sent to Ireland had been disbanded in England, it could have been no Encrease to this Establishment of Half pay, whether the Officers of these Regiments were, or were not taken out of the reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-pay; For if the former, then the British Establishment of Half-pay would have been so much more leffened; and by the disbanding of those Regiments, could have only been Encreased to the same Sum again; if the Latter, then those reduced Officers could have had no claim to Half-pay, having had Commissions only for about one Year, and that also to the manifest Wrong and Prejudice of the reduced Officers, on the British Establishment of Half-pay, to whom these Commissions should have been given. And this alone (were there no others) is a sufficient Reason for the Parliament to reject the Demand of Half-pay, made for the Officers of the Regiments disbanded in Ireland.

Note allo, That on the 22d of December, 1699. the? Sum Voted for Half-Pay, was 41,000 1. and was for leffened by those who had the Care of this Matter under His late, Majesty King William, that the Sum Voted for Half Pay on the 23d of April 1700. was only 30,000 l. and the next Year the same was reduced to 15000 l. including the Invalids, which were then added to the Lift > 16916:17:11 of Half-Pay Officers; and according to this Proportion there would have been a very great lessening of the Half-Pay Establishment, by the Deaths of some, and the Promotions of others on the Vacancies in the standing Troops which may have happened in these last four Years: But suppose the same be only Computed at so small a Sum as

And then the Half-Pay Establishment for the Year 1718 }70000:00:00

will be reduc'd to It is true, there have been some Additions to the Half-pay Establishment fince the Year 1713, of which, having no perfect Account, I cannot pretend to state the same with any Exactness, but those who have the necessary Papers in their Offices may easily do it. But I believe that all those Additions will be more than ballanced by the Deductions, purfuant to the Remarks of the Commissioners at the Horse-Guards, and what may be lessened on account of the Officers En Second, and by such other Deductions as will be the Consequence of the Resolutions the Parliament may think fit to come to, in relation to the Qualifications of those who, for the future, shall receive the Charity or Bounty of Half-Pay.

I have made my first Deduction only for the Half-Pay of the Officers of 8 Regiments of Dragoons, and one Regiment of Foot railed fince the 1st of June 1715, and which are now part of the Establishment of the Forces for the Year 1718. But I have made no Deduction for the Half-Pay of the Officers of the four Companies added to the Cold Stream Regiment of Foot-Guards, nor for the Officers of one Regiment of Horse, one Regiment of Dragoons, and nine Regiments of Foot, which are on the Establishment for the Year 1718, besides the said eight new raised Rements, and which were not on the Establishment, according to the Estimate delivered into Parliament the 5th of April, 1715. which would have been a further, and a very great Lessening of the British Establishment of Half-Pay, had so many Regiments been compos'd of the reduc'd Officers, who are on the faid Establishment: I have already made a Remark in relation to this, in the immediately preceding Abstract, to which I refer. And upon the whole, I'm very inclinable to think that the Establishment of Half-Pay, for the Year 1718, cannot require a greater Sumthan 76000 l. (notwithstanding the Mismanagement which hath been in that Matter) to do full Justice to all who have any equitable Pretensions to this Bounty: And that a much less Sum than 700001. had been now fufficient for that Purpose, had the same Care been taken by those who have had the Direction of this Matter fince the Year 1713. as was taken by those who were intrusted therewith, by his late Majesty King William after the Reswick Peace.

I doubt not but every Gentleman of the House of Commons is thoroughly convinced, that the Parliament in all Matters, especially those of Money, are in some measure in the Nature only of Attorneys and Trustees for those they represent: And that in all Publick Supplies, it is not their own but the Money of the Nation which they dispose of; and therefore to acquit themselves as faithful Stewards, they are obliged carefully to examine the Truth and Justice of all Demands that are made upon the Publick: And if the aforegoing Abstracts and Remarks give any Help or Light into such an Enquiry. I have then obtained the End which I

proposed to my Self in the Pains I have taken therein.

For

Errata.

Pag. 1. lin. 5. after the words (Four Servants) read, and from the Officers of each Company of Foot, three Servants. Ibid. lin. 10. after the word (Horse) read, and Dragoons. Pag. 6. lin. 19. for Want, read Wants.

For the easier apprehending of what I have mentioned in my Remarks on the last two of the preceding Abstracts, I have annexed a Particular of the Forces on the British Establishment, for the Year 1715, and the Year 1718, as they are expressed in the Estimates delivered into Parliament.

A Particular of the Numbers of the Troops and Regiments of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons in Great Britain and in Flanders, on the 5th Day of April, 1715.

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	Lieutenant General Carpenter's	207	
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	Colonel Kerr's	. 207	
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An ACCOUNT of the Half-Pay and per Annum, of the several Qualities of reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-Pay, at the Rates the same are Stated at, in the Account of Half-pay Officers, delivered into Parliament the 28th of November 1717.

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FTER the Publication of the Three Abstracts dated the 6th of January 1717. I found I had made a Mistake in the Second of those Abstracts in computing 16 Reduced Officers of Invalids as provided for in the 8 New-raised Regiments of Foot, and which were provided for in the Companies of Invalids, and this makes the fol-

The Commissions granted in the 21 new-raised Regi-	§ 732
British Half Pay Officers provided for in the Dragoons	150
Ditto Officers of Foor -	191
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Provided for in the Dragoons which were not on the British Establishment of Half-Pay	} 212
Ditto in the Foot	179
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Whereof there are in the Abstract the Names of -	235
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lowing Alterations in the Computations of the faid Abstract, viz.

The State of the Damage to the Publick by this Promotion of Officers will then stand thus, viz.

	Per Diem.	Per Annum.
The Half Pay of 1 Major, 2 Captains, 7 Lieutenants and 8 Enfigns of Invalids	65:09:06	23898: 07: 06
which by the said Abstract were supposed to be, but were not provided for in the New-rais'd Regiments of Foot	2:03:10	799: 19:02
Total Damage then is	67:13:04	24698:06:08
The Pay of the 385 Officers of the Regiments Disbanded in Ireland amounts to	67: 06: 06	24573: 12106
So that the Damage to the Publick as aforesaid exceeds the Pay of the said Irish Officers, the Sum of	00:06:10	124:14:02

Note, That in the said Abstract the Officers of the New-raised Regiments whose Commissions were granted after December 1715, being in Number 37, are all that are supposed to have been granted on Vacancies, but if any of those which were granted in August, September, Oslober, November and December 1715, were granted on Vacancies, the Damage to the Publick will be so much more as the Pay of those Officers amounts to.

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I did also after the aforesaid Publication compare the List of Half-Pay Officers delivered into Parliament the 5th Day of April 1715. with that delivered into Parliament for the Year 1718; I found in the latter the Names of 86 Officers added to the Old Reduced Regiments which were not in the said former List, including 2 Officers in the Regiment of Stairs, and a Cornet in the Royal Regiment of Horse, whose Qualities are as followeth, viz.

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Enf.	1	-	17	
Cornet.	1	5	1	
Lieut.	1	2	22	
Capt.	1		18	
Major.	1	-	4	
L. Col. 1	1	1	4	
Colum.	1	1	-	
		Dragoons including one 2		

The Half-Pay of the said 86 Officers and one Commissary of Musters, and the difference between the Half-Pay of 4 Majors in the Lift of 1718, which were only Captains in the Lift of 1715, including 11. 14s. per diem Advance of Pay to 2 Lieutenants and 4 Cornets of Dragoons more than they are intitled to by those Defignations, is, 17 l. 121. 01d. per Diem, 6427 l. 001. 10d. per Ann.

added to the Half Pay List since 1714, and amongst these the Names of most of those which I have remarked to In one of the Books delivered into Parliament the 16th of January 1917, there are the Names of the Officers have been added fince the 5th of April 1715. with Observations in the Margin of the said Book, shewing how

those Additions were occasioned.

the House, I observe that some of the Reasons for those Additions are, That Officers who had bought their Lists by Directions from His Majesty; There are also other Reasons which I cannot particularly recollect; But upon the whole I believe that many of those Officers may with Justice be struck off, confishent with the Origi-Having no Copy of that Book, it is impossible for me to remark particularly thereon; but on a View of it in Commissions were displaced, and their Posts given to others; That others who were Officers in Standing Regiments in Full Pay had exchanged with Half Pay Officers, and that others were placed in the said Regimental nal Defign of the Parliament in granting Half-Pay; And that on this Head also a confiderable Sum may be saved to There is also another large Book delivered into Parliament the 16th of January 1717. importing an Account of the Commissions which have been granted in the Old Regiments since the 1st of ORober 1714. That Account was addressed for to inform the House how much the Half Pay Lift had been lessen'd, and how much more it might have been lessened by, the filling up of those Vacancies. And there is likewise a List trans-

mitted from Ireland of the Half-Pay Officers on the Establishment of that Kingdom for the Year 1714, from which the House may be informed how many of those Officers were provided for in the 21 Regiments raised in Britain since the 1st of June 1715; But having only read the Titles of those two Accounts, I have nothing at present to observe upon them; And I presume this Sessions of Parliament is now too near a Conclusion to hope for any Fruit from a Labour of this kind. And indeed I have mentioned those Papers with a Design chiefly to put Gentlemen in mind that they are before the House, and that Copies may be taken of them, and some Pains taken about them by such who are willing to allow a little of their Time for the Service of their Country, which may be of Use at the next Meeting of Parliament. And I am also willing to hope, that this may be an Intimation to the proper Officers to prepare such Computations from the said Books, as may give the House of Commons such Information as its evident was aimed at by their Address for the same.

If a careful Examination were made into the Management of the Affair of Half-pay of the Officers of the Fleet, it might be found liable to as great Objections, as those which have been made relating to the Land-Service: And truly it would be very much for the Service of the Nation, if at the beginning of every Sessions of Parliament, particular Committees were appointed, to examine strictly into every Part of the Administration of our Money-Affairs: For this probably would make Officers of all Kinds much more careful than of late Years they have been in their Demands upon the Publick, in the Accounts and

Estimates which are respictively brought in by them.

It would be for the Ease of Gentlemen, who shall hereaster be inclined to examine into the Matter of Half-pay, if Directions were given to express the several reduced Regiments in an Alphabetical Order, according to the Sirnames of the respective reduced Colonels, and to mention in the List of each Regiment, the several Officers in distinct Columns, expressing their Qualities, or at least to mention them in some one constant fixed Method; for the Variation every Year herein, makes an Enquiry into such Lists much more difficult than otherwise it would be.

I shall mention one Thing more, and leave it to the Consideration of Gentlemen, viz. That Regimental Lists should now be given in, of the several Commission-Ossicers of Horse, Foot, and Dragoons, of the Standing Forces, for the Year 1718. that when the like List is required at the next Meeting of Parliament, it may be the more easily seen, what Vacancies have happened in the Interval, and how the same thave been disposed of.

It were to be wish'd, that a certain Sum could be fixed for the annual Expence of the Forces necessary in a Time of Peace, and that the Ordinance Contingencies, and all other Things relating thereto might be included in that Sum; that the Nation might thereby be at a certainty of their Charge in this Particular, and that the same was no more than they were able annually to bear. And it were also to be wish'd, that the same certainty could be come at in relation to the Navy. It would be then more Incumbent on the Ministers and Officers of the Crown, than perhaps they at present imagine it to be, to shew their Zeal and Duty to His Majesty, by a frugal Management of the Publick Treafure; because in such a Case, whatever was saved, would be saved for the sole and intire Benefit of the Crown without Account, But until Matters can be brought to fuch a Regulation as this, which was certainly the ancient Method, it is the indispensible Duty of the Parliament, narrowly to inspect the Management of Ministers and Officers, since at present all Misapplications of the Publick Money is a Loss, and a Loss only to the Nation.

January 23. 1717.



An Account of the Half-Pay per Diem, and per Annum, of the several Qualities of Reduced Officers on the British Establishment of Half-Pay, at the Rates the same are stated at in the Account of Half-Pay Officers, delivered into Parliament the 28th of November 1717.

The Qualities of the Officers.	Half-Pay for Dragoons.		Half-Pay for Foot.		
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Colonel	0:13:00	237:05:0	0:12:00	219:00:0	
Lieut. Colonel	0:10:00	182:10:0	0:08:06	155:02:6	
Major	0:08:00	146:00:0	0:07:06	136: 17: 6	
Captain	0:05:06	100:07:6	0:05:00	91:05:0	
Lieutenant	0:03:00	54:15:0	0:02:04	42:11:8	
Cornet or Enfign	0:02:06	45:12:6	0:01:10	33:09:2	
Adjutant	0:02:00	36: 10:0	0:02:00	36:10:0	
Quarter-Master	0:02:00	36:10:0	0:02:00	36:10:0	
Chaplain	0:03:04	60: 16: 8	0:03:04	60:16:8	
Surgeon	0:02:00	36: 10:0	0:02:00	36:10:0	

	Per Diem .	Per Annum.
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Note, That is the Three ABSTRACTS relating to the Pay of the Army, publish'd January the 6th, 1717. part of the REMARKS on the Second ABSTRACT is misplaced, and intermixed with the REMARKS on the Third ABSTRACT, which the Reader is desired thus to Correct, viz.

Immediately after the End of Page 12. turn to pag. 18. and Line 22. and read to the End of Line 14. in the 20th Page; and those that have

the former Book may make their Marks therein accordingly.